

GIRLS HOCKEY

They've got a Friend, indeed

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DUXBURY — The Duxbury High School girls' varsity hockey team has had a ton of success throughout the years, and in large part, that success has to do with the head coach, Friend Weiler. The veteran Duxbury coach picked up his 100th career victory Dec. 30 in a 5-1 win over Canton.

Wednesday night's win however proved even sweeter for Weiler as his girls beat Division 1 powerhouse Hingham, 2-0, at The Bog in Kingston.

A close loss to three-time defending Division 1 state champion St. Mary's (Lynn) in mid-December served notice that the Duxbury High School girls' hockey team would be a force to be reckoned with this winter. Wednesday night brought further evidence.

Sophomore Lily Connolly and senior captain Briana Connolly scored, and freshman goaltender Rachel Myette turned aside all 20 shots in the win. Duxbury improved to 5-1, and Hingham dropped its first loss of the season

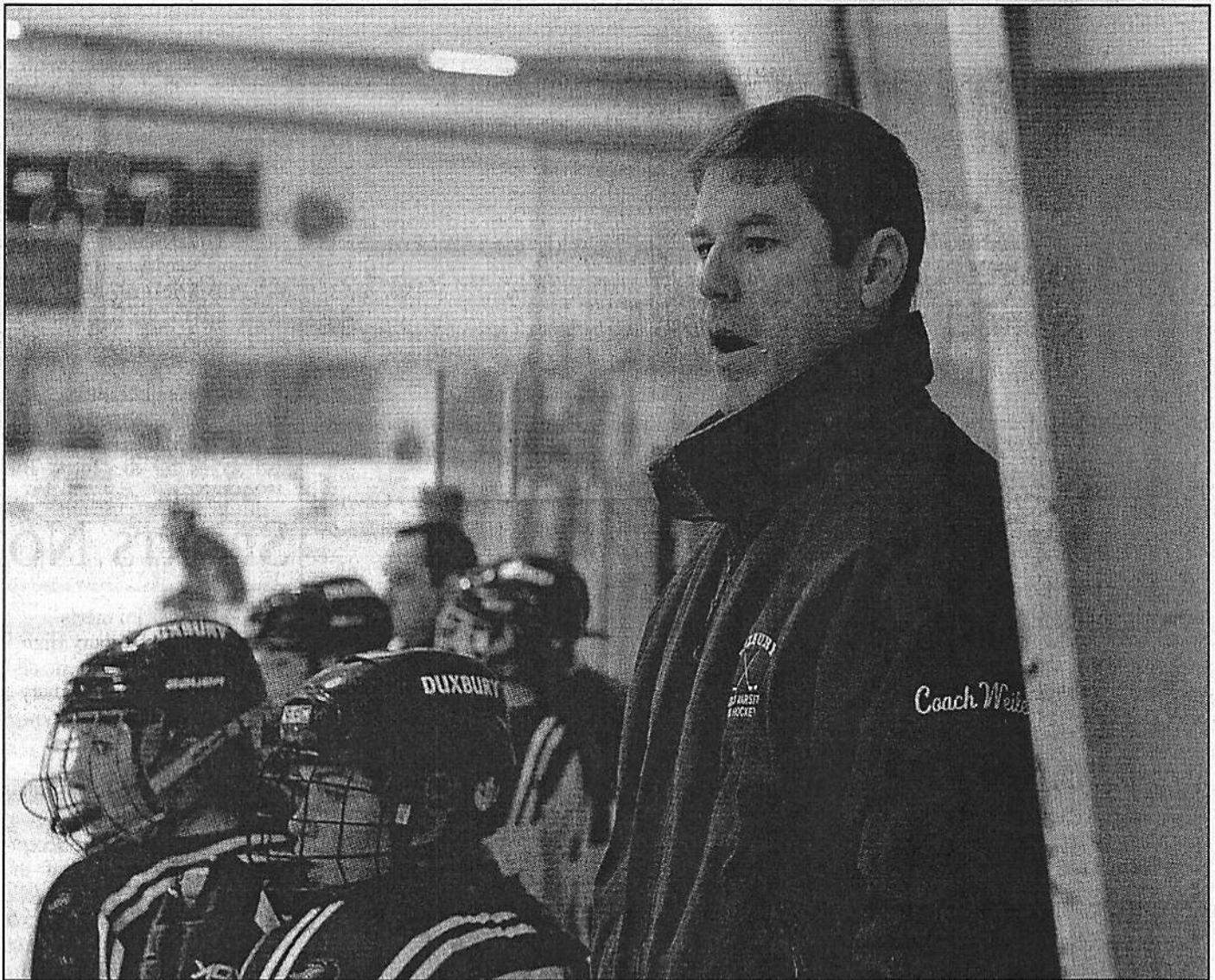
and now holds a matching 5-1 record.

"Hingham is such a strong team that I told the girls that they would pretty much have to play a perfect game to win," Weiler said. "All the girls stepped up. I'm really proud of the team. Every girl did her job. It was a well-earned victory."

Hannah Murphy and Lily Connolly recorded assists for Duxbury, a Division 2 state semifinalist last season. Weiler cited the play of his four defensemen — Martha Findley, Keri Gould, Caroline Shaunessy, and Ally Hammel — and the forward line of Kelsey Powers, Olivia McCarthy, and Carly Campbell in stifling Hingham's offense.

"Limiting them to 20 shots speaks a lot to team defense," Weiler said. "You don't want to get too excited by a regular-season win or too low after a loss, but it's nice to knock off a team like Hingham."

Duxbury plays Marshfield Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke.



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Duxbury High School girls' varsity head coach Friend Weller recently picked up his 100th victory as coach of the Lady Dragons.